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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No I Basis of the opinion
- Box No II Priority
- Box No III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis 1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No VI Certain documents cited
- Box No VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No VIII Certain observations on the international application

2 FURTHER ACTION

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

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4. Additional comments:

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1 Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-23
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-23
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-23
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

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Re Item V.

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : WO 03/002056 A (CHURCH & DWIGHT CO., INC) 9 January 2003 (2003-01-09)
D2 : US 2003/072841 A1 (RAJAIAH JAYANTH ET AL) 17 April 2003 (2003-04-17)
D3 : WO 03/017964 A (UNILEVER N.V; UNILEVER PLC; HINDUSTAN LEVER LTD) 6 March 2003 (2003-03-06)
D4 : WO 99/12517 A (SMITHKLINE BEECHAM CORPORATION; SMITHKLINE BEECHAM PLC; CASH, MICHAEL;) 18 March 1999 (1999-03-18)
D5 : US 2003/072722 A1 (NATHOO SALIM A) 17 April 2003 (2003-04-17)
D6 : DE 36 45 147 C2 (COLGATE-PALMOLIVE CO., NEW YORK) 9 November 2000 (2000-11-09)
D7 : GB 1 018 665 A (UNILEVER LIMITED) 26 January 1966 (1966-01-26)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 1 AND 18-23

2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
Document D1 discloses a solid oral composition (e.g. lozenge) to inhibit formation of plaque comprising calcium pyrophosphate, sodium bicarbonate, sweeteners and antibacterial agents. Thus, it is novelty destroying for claims 1-13 and 16-23.

2.2 Document D2 discloses chewing gum and confection compositions for plaque inhibition comprising e.g. calcium pyrophosphate, alkali metal bicarbonate salts, vitamin C, urea, whitening agents, flavouring agents and antibacterial agents. Thus, it is novelty destroying for claims 1-23.

2.3 Document D3 discloses oral compositions to clean the oral cavity (e.g. lozenge, gum) comprising calcium pyrophosphates, bicarbonate, vitamin C, urea, anti-calculus agents and flavours. Thus, it is novelty destroying for claims 1-17.

2.4 Document D4 discloses tooth whitening preparations comprising e.g. calcium

pyrophosphate, alkali metal bicarbonate, flavoring agents, anti-bacterial agents and colouring agents. The compositions of D4 are suitable for an oral tooth whitening confectionary composition of claim 1. Thus, D4 is novelty destroying for claims 1-13 and 16-23.

- 2.5 Document D5 discloses tooth whitening hydrogels comprising sodium pyrophosphate. These are suitable for the composition of claim 1, thus being novelty destroying for claims 1 and 18-23.
- 2.6 Document D6 discloses oral compositions (lozenge) for removing the stain comprising alkaline pyrophosphates and bicarbonate. Thus, D6 is novelty destroying for claims 1, 5-6, 9, 12-13 and 16-23.
- 2.7 Document D7 discloses dentifrices comprising calcium pyrophosphate, sodium methaphosphate, flavours and anti-bacterial agents. Thus, the composition of D7 is suitable for the oral composition according to claims 1-8 and 12.

3 The technical problem was to provide an alternative way of tooth whitening and the solution was to use a confectionary composition according to claims 18-23. The skilled person confronted with the above mentioned technical problem and equipped with the teaching of D3-D4 would have had motivation and technical guidance for modifying the tooth whitening composition of D4 (p.1, I.1-13) by bringing the composition in a form of lozenge as known from D3 (p.8, I.15).

Therefore the subject-matter of claims 18-23 does not involve an inventive step (Art. 33(3) PCT).